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- After the suppression of the National Peasant Party, the chief Rumanian opposition party, open organized opposition in Rumania had virtually ceased 25X1 to exist. The subjection of this country to Soviet Russia has now been completed almost 100 per cent, both in the political and economic field.
 - The present dictatorship, exerted by a handful of Moscow trained Communists. who entered Rumania together with the Russian troops and were joined by a minority of adventurers and opportunists belonging to the former class of professional politicians, was established by direct Russian intervention, aided by the presence of the Soviet Army within the country. It is a dictatorship which relies entirely on police methods and is maintained exclusively by terror, being devoid of any popular support.
 - In fact of all the nations in Southeastern Europe, the Rumanian people is structurally perhaps the most impervious to Communist influence. Two main factors contributed to the feeling of revulsion with which the great mass of the Rumanian people regard and judge Communism as an ideology or as a practical form of government. First, Russia even under the Czers had repeatedly endeavored to annex or absorb within her sphere of influence the region inhabited by Rumanians. Since the present Russian government is Communist, Rumanians regard Communism as the hitherto most perfected vehicle used by Russia to establish her long desired permanent domination over Rumanian territories. Second, by temperament the Rumanian is strongly indiviqualist, and this trait is further enforced by the existence of a numerous peasant class within the country which, being constituted of individual small landowners, is inherently hostile to a Communist economic or political pro-
 - On these grounds, any great power which challenges the Soviet domination of Rumania, has both the moral and active support of the great mass of Rumanians.

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- 5. Seeing that the United States is determined to check the expansion of Communism and has assumed the leadership in this sense, the Rumanian people are putting their entire hope in the struggle undertaken by the United States and consider its successful outcome as their only hope of salvation.
- 6. Therefore, whatever course the United States may adopt in order to defeat the Russian Communism bid for world domination, it will find in the Rumanian people a sure and devoted ally.
- 7. The value of Rumanian contribution to such a struggle may be assessed by considering the following factors:
 - (a) The geographical position of Rumania which offers great possibilities for decisive strategic operations; the strategic value of Rumania is re-enforced by the presence on Rumanian territory of the rich oil fields.
 - (b) The existence in Rumania of a national resistance movement which is only awaiting orders to start operations throughout the country. The aims of this movement are:
 - to maintain the morale and the hope of the people in an early solvation;
 - (2) to organize an active underground resistance against Communism;
 - (3) to render active help in the eventuality of war operations against Russia;
 - (4) to overthrow at the opportune moment the present regime and dislodge the Communist supporters from their posts of authority.
- 8. The Rumanian resistance movement needs help and guidance in order to preserve its fighting spirit; it also needs an authoritative control able to co-ordinate its actions.
- 9. In the first place the Rumanian people as a whole, should be informed in clear terms that American policy is consistently aiming at re-establishing the freedom and independence of the Communist-subjected countries, including Rumania, and that will never give up the struggle in this sense. For this purpose it would be useful to submit the information to be broadcast from America to Rumania to advisors selected from among the members of the democratic opposition abroad of proved loyalty and sincerity. The re-adjustment of the American broadcast service for Rumania is needed also because of the recent constitution of the "Cominform" and its publicly confessed objectives.

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- 10. In addition to this step, the following other means subject to a gradual and opportune consideration, are needed to help the Rumanian resistance movement:
 - (a) Facilities for the establishment of secret radio communications with selected resistance group centers;
 - (b) Help in equip; ing the resistance groups with wear pons and other naterial needed for "macuis" and guerrilla actions:
 - (c) Other convenient arrangements designed to improve the efficiency of the resistance movement.
- 11. The backbone of the Rumanian resistance movement is composed of young officers, either still in active service or outside the ranks, since about 14,000 officers have been discharged from the humanian Army by the present regime. It also includes civil servants and persons beautonging to the free professions.
- As a potential following, the resistance movement practically has the whole of the University youth and the peasantry. It can also count on the ultimate support of a large percentage of workers, but the latter for the moment cannot render any substantial help because they are under the strict surveillance of the Cormunist factory committee bosses.

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